Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The Districtwise Rural Development Projects are not monitored at the Central level. However the amount allocated by the Government under these programmes to the State of Punjab during the last two years as well as in the current financial year is as follows:—

Programmes	Central Allocation (Rs. in lakhs)		
	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
1. IRDP	406.00	528.00	523.00
2. JRY	1634.28	1634.28	1699.28
3. ARWSP	3000.00	888.00	775.00

The above programmes are implemented by the State Government at the district level through District Rural Development Agencies/Zilla Parishad/ PHED and monitored through State level coordination Committees. The implementation of the programmes is closely monitored by Centre through periodic reports received from the State Governments and field visits and whenever necessary the State Government is advised to take corrective measures for completion of the programmes in time.

Negotiations with UNDP for Fellowships and Assistance

2810. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA:
SHRI S. AUSTIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether senior officials are negotiating with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for fellowships and other assistance to themselves;

(b) what are the reasons for giving training to officials due for retirement or left with few years of service;

(c) if not, whether such efforts are meant for post-retirement activities;

(d) whether Government would consider giving such fellowships to genuine rural workers from various States like Tamil Nadu; and

(e) the details of grant of foreign fellowships to rural workers and Non-Governmental Organisations from various States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a). No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

Programmes/policies for Rural Development

2811. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA:
SHRI S. AUSTIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the programmes for rural development have not reached the poor;

(b) whether it is because of the faulty planning and policy formulation;

(c) whether Government would review the systems being followed to formulate policies for the rural poor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the policy-framers in rural development are not knowledgeable about rural life; and

(e) the steps Government propose to bring in fresh talent for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. A number of evaluation studies have shown that the implementation of rural development programmes have largely benefitted the rural poor and in the light of the findings of these studies, necessary corrective measures are adopted in planning and policy formulation.